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Dr. Lewis Thomas
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Dear Lew:

We should soon arrange to meet with Ted in order to discuss cooperative projects that might be supported through the RBF's new special fund during the next five years. Before designing specific proposals, we should prepare guidelines for procedures and the kinds of projects to be considered, and how to manage efforts linking two or all of our institutions.

With our trustees and a few colleagues on the campus, I have already begun to sketch several possibilities for such projects. I hope you also may give this matter some thought while we try to schedule a meeting for next month. My own schedule will be very crowded during the next two weeks; but if you would like to compare notes informally before we meet, Rod Nichols is well-acquainted with our initial thinking here and he would be glad to chat with you.

Yours sincerely,

J**os**hua Lederberg

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Mr. Rodney Nichols